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Setting up of Pulse Research Institute
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Government to set up Pulse Research Institute at Bhubaneswar in Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the institute is likely to be setup in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): Acknowledging the importance of pulses research in Odisha, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established two centers of All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on MULLaRP (Mungbean, Urdbean, Lentil, Lathyrus, Rajmash and Fieldpea) at Berhampur and Keonjhar and a center of AICRP on Pigeonpea at Berhampur under Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology (OUA&T). A number of improved varieties and matching production technologies have been developed by these AICRP centers in collaboration with ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IIPR), Kanpur for the state of Odisha.

ICAR in collaboration with OUA&T, Bhubaneswar and has sanctioned a bio-fertilizer & bio-pesticide hub and eight seed-hubs besides strengthening of breeder seed production of pulses in Odisha during 2016-17 to make available sufficient quantity of quality seed of pulses to the farmers regularly. In this way, ICAR is adequately addressing the pulses research and development needs of the state by providing additional grants of Rs.14.5 crore during the current financial year and 2017-18. Hence, setting up of Pulse Research Institute at Bhubaneswar in Odisha is not under consideration at present.

(c) Question does not arise.
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